

information including at least one of selection menu information and information related to the programming language statement.

6 26. (New) The method of claim 25 wherein the passive assist window generates and disappears independent of user intervention.

7 27. (New) The method of claim 25 wherein the passive assist window permits a user typing the programming language statement to type through the programming language statement information, the passive assist window automatically altering the programming language statement information in response to the typing.

8 28. (New) The method of claim 25 wherein the passive assist window further provides one or more entries for completing the programming language statement via automatic anticipation typing.

9 29. (New) The method of claim 28 wherein the one or more entries are user-defined entries.

10 30. (New) The method of claim 29 wherein the user-defined entries enable a plurality of users to modify related programming language statements independent of prior sharing of information related to the user-defined entries.

11 31. (New) The method of claim 25 wherein the passive assist window is a pop-up window that disappears if ignored by a user.

12 32. (New) A computer readable medium containing computer executable instructions to perform a method for assisting a computer programmer in modifying a programming language statement, the method comprising:

enabling a positionable cursor within a programming language editing tool; and